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SUBJECT: LOS: PHILIPPINES

1. ON EVE OF DEPARTURE OF HEAD OF GOP LOS TEAM, JUSTICE SECRETARY ABAD SANTOS, EMBASSY ASKED SOLICITOR GENERAL MENDOZA JUNE 10 WHEN US COULD EXPECT RESPONSE FROM GOP LOS TEAM. IN REPLY, HE NOTED THAT LOS TEAM HAD JUST HELD LONG MEETING THAT MORNING. HE SAID THERE WERE MANY THINGS TO CONSIDER, PHILIPPINES WOULD HAVE TO MEET WITH INDONESIANS, AND FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL CARACAS. HE WAS HOPEFUL GOP COULD COME BACK TO US DURING FIRST WEEK OF CONFERENCE.

2. MENDOZA INDICATED THAT PHILIPPINES WAS PLEASED WITH "BASE LINES," AND WITH CONCEPT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER WATERS WITHIN THOSE LINES. UNIMPEDED PASSAGE, HOWEVER, WAS FAR CRY FROM INNOCENT PASSAGE AND STILL CAUSED PROBLEMS FROM SECURITY POINT OF VIEW.

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3. GOP LOS TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY JUSTICE SECRETARY ABAD

SANTOS AND UNDERSECRETARY INGLES DURING FIRST HALF OF CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR YANGO ASSISTING (YANGO WILL THEN GO TO NEW YORK TO TAKE UP NEW ASSIGNMENT AS DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN). AMBASSADOR TOLENTINO AND SOLICITOR GENERAL MENDOZA WILL ARRIVE IN MID-JULY. LOS TEAM WILL BE ASSISTED BY PANEL OF EXPERTS INCLUDING COL. SORIANO, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE; MR. MANANSALA, COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY; DR. TAN, NATIONAL SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD; MR. CORPAS, BUREAU OF MINES; PROF. RONQUILLO, BUREAU OF FISHERIES; AND JUDGE COQUIA.

4. COMMENT: WE ASSURE DEPARTMENT WILL WANT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH INDONESIANS, AND WILL BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS SECURITY ISSUE IN DETAIL WITH GOP LOS TEAM.
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